

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
AIR RESOURCES DIVISION
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION AND RECORD HEARING

Pursuant to RSA 125-O:14, *Measurement of Baseline Mercury Input and Emissions*, and Env-C 205, *Non-Adjudicative Proceedings*, notice is hereby given that the Director of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Air Resources Division, has made a preliminary determination of the baseline mercury input for the affected coal burning sources, including Public Service of New Hampshire's (PSNH) Merrimack Station Units 1 and 2 and Schiller Station Units 4, 5 and 6 and will hold a record hearing on the preliminary determination. The purpose of the record hearing is to provide PSNH and the public with an opportunity to present information, in writing or by e-mail, for the Director to consider in making a final decision.

RSA 125-O:14 requires the baseline mercury input to be calculated by using the average mercury content of the coal as measured during coal sampling and the average annual coal throughput. Based upon the information provided by PSNH, DES has made a preliminary determination that the baseline mercury input is 228 pounds per year.

The preliminary determination and related materials are on file with the Director, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Air Resources Division, 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095, (603) 271-1370. Information may be reviewed at the office during working hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, or via the DES <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/pehb/apps/baseline-hg-input.htm>. Written comments filed with the Director and mailed to the address listed above, or via e-mail at elizabeth.nixon@des.nh.gov and received no later than 4:00 p.m. on **March 21, 2011**, shall be considered by the Director in making a final decision.

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